

Sermon Notes

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The View From My Window WITH PASTOR JOEL

In March an officer attempted to pull a man over for failing to use his turn signal. The car bolted but was soon stopped by a utility pole. The man fled because, in his words, "I didn't want to go back to prison." He was driving a stolen vehicle with plates he'd stolen from yet another car in order to throw off suspicion.

What struck me was that he wanted to avoid more prison time. He could have helped his cause tremendously by stopping his criminal activity. Instead, he tried to apply another layer of crime (switching license plates) in order to cover his offense. He thought being a better criminal, not becoming a better citizen was the answer.

One of the requirements for heaven is that you leave your life of sin. Excuses won't cut it, cover ups don't work; adoption into the family of God awaits all who are ready to live a new life. Surrender, confess (agree with God's definition of what is & isn't sin), repent (turn away from sin & start following Jesus), accept God's forgiveness, then start living in obedience to His commands. It's a much better life than trying to outsmart the long arm of the Lord.

- Pastor Joel

Welcome to New Life ...

We're glad you're here!

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

7:00am - Prayer Meeting

Open prayer for all in Room 10

8:00am - First Service

9:00am - Self-Serve Café Open

Join us for coffee & treats off the main lobby!

9:15am - Sunday School

- Kids Clubhouse: Kids age 3 - Grade 6
- Basement: Grades 7-12 Rangers
- Sanctuary: Adults

10:15am - Second Service

- **Nursery:** newborns to age 3
- **Kids Church:** kids age 3 - grade 6
Kids must be signed in & out of these classes

6pm - Evening Service

*No Kids or Youth Programs

Moms A private room for nursing mothers is located off the Main Lobby in Room 2

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

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Rev. Joel Everhart

THIS WEEK ...

TUE, APRIL 17

6:30pm - Open Gym Volleyball

WED, APRIL 18

8a-? - Pretzel Sandwich Making

3-7pm - Pretzel Sandwich Pick-up

7pm - Adult Bible Study, Royal Rangers, & Rainbows Kids Club

SAT, APRIL 21

8:30am - Women's Conference (CLA)

Upcoming Events

4/24: Open Gym Volleyball (6:30pm)

5/1: VBS Registration opens online

5/6: Family Worship Sunday (No Kids Church)

& Commandment 11 Music Ministry (6pm)

5/8: The Gathering Women's Bible Study (9am)

5/11: Worship Team Practice (7pm)

5/12: Men's Breakfast (8am)

5/13: Happy Mother's Day! (No 6pm Service)

5/14: Board Meeting (6:30pm)

5/27: Memorial Day Wknd (No 6pm Service)

5/30: Coordinator Meeting (7pm)

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6/17: Happy Father's Day! (No 6pm Service)



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New to New Life?

Thanks for being with us today! One of our greeters would be happy to show you around the church & answer any questions you may have about New Life. You can also find out more on our website at www.nla.today or by emailing our office at hello@nla.today.

Worship

Kids Can Serve Too! The first Sunday of each month is a Family Worship Service, which means kids are in the sanctuary with the adults. We'd love for your kids to serve as greeters & ushers on Family Worship Sunday! If your child would like to serve in these positions, see Dana Catania, Linda Shinnars (greeting), or Dave Mickley (ushering).

Build

Service in the Park. We're holding a church service in the East Berlin Community Park on Sunday, June 24. We'll have a short message, baptism in the creek, & potluck celebration to follow. If you're interested in getting baptized at this service, sign up in the main lobby.

Membership. Interested? Email our office at hello@nla.today to discuss next steps & register for our next *New Members* class.

The Gathering Women's Bible Study. This small group women's Bible study's next meeting is **May 8 at 9am** in the Youth Room! They are studying the women of the Bible.

Monthly Men's Breakfast. The next Men's Breakfast & Fellowship takes place Saturday, **May 12 at 8am** in the gym.

Get to Know our Board of Directors! Take some time to get to know our Board & their role in leadership at New Life! Board members are Jim Border, Jr, Larry Bray, Alina Dusharm, Steve Gebhart, Dave Mickley, and Andy Storm!



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Here at **New Life**, we strive to be a spirit-empowered family of believers who **worship** the Lord, work together to **build** a body of believers, **reach** the lost, & **minister** to a hurting world. We **Expect Jesus** to meet us here & to use us beyond these walls.

4 Ways to Give. There are several ways you can give to New Life: (1) **cash** or **check** dropped into the offering, (2) via **credit card** online at www.nla.today/give, (3) by purchasing **gift cards** to Giant or Weis through our Business Office (New Life receives 5% of the proceeds), & (4) by shopping online via **Amazon Smile** using our link: smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2500675. Thank you for investing in our mission!

Church Volunteer Positions

You tell us your availability & we'll work with your schedule!

- Adult Worship Team Substitute Drummer**
As Needed
See *Melanie Storm*
- Nursery Helper**
for Babies Age 0-3
Sun at 6pm & Wed at 7pm
See *Dara Womer*
- Sunday School Teacher**
for Kids Pre-K - Grade 8
Sundays at 9:15am
See *Ariel Strine*
- Prims Girls Club Teacher or Helper**
for Girls Age 7-Grade 6
Wednesdays at 7pm
See *Mandi Geiman*

Family Ministries

Royal Ranger Spring Camp. The Royal Rangers' Spring Camp takes place **Friday, May 11 to Sunday, May 13** in Thompsettown, PA. See Ranger Commander Bill Womer for more info about Spring Camp.

Celebrate Stories with Youth For Christ. Kechi Okwuchi, a season 12 finalist of America's Got Talent, was one of two survivors in a plane crash carrying 109 passengers, which included 60 of her own schoolmates. Kechi suffered burns over 65% of her body, but she used music & her faith to overcome her tremendous pain. Come to Hanover First Church of God on **Sat, April 28 at 6:30pm** to hear Kechi's beautiful singing voice & story of faith. More info at masondixonyc.org.

Reach & Minister

Pretzel Sandwich Pick-up. Pick up & pay for your pretzel sandwiches on Wednesday here between 3pm-7pm. *Sign up in the main lobby to help make sandwiches on the 18th!*

Peanut Butter Eggs for Missions. Deb Flickinger is raising funds for her July mission trip to Alaska through *Isaiah's Connection*, a group that hosts a basketball camp VBS for the native villagers. Deb's team cooks meals for the camp! You can help by purchasing homemade chocolate (milk & dark) peanut butter eggs for only \$1 each in the main lobby!

Do You Know Someone In Crisis? Stephen's Legacy has knowledgeable volunteers & trained nurses ready to help with health needs, home & car repairs, financial aid, errand running, meals, & transportation to doctor appointments. If you or someone you know is in crisis or would like to volunteer with this ministry, please see a Stephen's Legacy team member:

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| Angie Kline | Ray Mummert |
| Dave Mickley | Mark Hinkle |
| Wayne Esbenschade | John Quinn |
| Carolyn Brown | Wendy Wagner |

No Programs May 30. All Ministry Coordinators are encouraged to attend the Coordinator Meeting on Wed, May 30 at 7pm in the Youth Room. There will be no kids or youth programs, but there will be childcare for kids of Coordinators who attend the meeting.

VBS: Bible Basecamp. We are hosting a free, one-day, outdoor & hiking-themed event on Saturday, August 4 from 10am-4pm. Online registration opens on May 1 on our website. If you're interested in helping, plan to attend an informational meeting on **Sun, May 6 at 9am.**



East Berlin/Abbottstown Food Pantry. The East Berlin/Abbottstown Food Pantry is located at Trinity Lutheran Church & is open on the first Wednesday of each month from 2pm-6pm. To volunteer at the pantry, call Trinity's office at 717.259.9125. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 117 West King St, East Berlin, PA.

Adventure-minded People Wanted! The adventure is reaching out with the gospel. Last year, the 'Adventurers' reached out to our local community through the reenactment of Jesus carrying His cross & a ministry tent at Morning Star Marketplace. If you're interested in joining the Adventurers, see Stan Jett for more info.

Ruth's Harvest Food Drive. We're accepting *single serving size* packages of shelf-safe milk, cereal, & ravioli for Ruth's Harvest, a weekend food program that provides meals to 105 families in need in the Bermudian Springs School District. Please drop off donations in the main lobby.

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